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- 1. MFA'S AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR, DRAWING INTER ALIA ON REPORTS FROM DUTCH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, ON DEC 3 SHARED WITH US MINISTRY'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF ARAB SUMMIT. THESE ARE REPORTED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST ON COMPARATIVE BASIS.
- 2. ON POSITIVE SIDE, SADAT RECEIVED GREEN LIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL AND ARAB LEADERSHIP HAS "GONE A LONG WAY SINCE KHARTOUM IN 1967." ON OTHER HAND, ARABS ADOPTED THOUGH STANCE VIS-A-VIS OUTSIDE WORLD, ISSUING SOME STIFF WARNINGS. ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE WHICH PERVADED CONFERENCE MAY PRESAGE HARD ARAB LINE IN THE FUTURE. FAISAL WAS INSPIRATIONAL AND EMERGED AS THE PROPONENT OF TOUGHNESS AMONGST HIS COLLEAGUES. NEVERTHELESS, CONFERENCE MANAGED TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING EXCESSIVE POSITIONS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF FLEXIBLE LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED BY BOUMEDIENE. SADAT CAME AWAY SEEMINGLY SATISFIED; HE RECEIVED SUPPORT AND FREEDOM TO MANUEVER; BUT HE WILL HAVE TO BRIDGE THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND HUSSEIN.

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